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SUBJECT: JUMBO QUIZ TV MEDIA TOUR

SUMMARY: REQUESS ASSISTANCE FOR TV SHOW FILMING. END

JW-7-539. 1. WE ARE FINALIZING PLANS TO SUPPORT A MAJOR TELEVISION QUIZ SHOW THAT WILL TAKE FILM CREW AND LARGE GROUP OF CONTESTANTS TO GUAM, HAWAII AND ACROSS U.S. MAINLAND TO NEW YORK CITY. THIS WILL RESULT IN AN 85-MINUTE PRIME-TIME PROGRAM WITH AN AUDIENCE OF 10,200,000 VIEWERS FOR A VALUE OF USDOLS615,00. A PRIME-TIME RETELECAST IS ALSO SCHEDULED AND IS EXPECTED TO REACH ANOTHER ESTIMATED 5 MILLION VIEWERS FOR ADDITIONAL VALUE OF USDOLS277,000. USTS SUPPORT WILL CONSIST OF WAIVERS FOR FILM CREW PLUS SOME 1240 FUNDS.

2. OBJECT OF SHOW IS TO INTRODUCE GUAM, HAWAII AND USA MAINLAND ATTRACTIONS IN CONTEDT OF QUIZ SHOW THAT ACTUALLY TRAVELS TO THESE DESTINATIONS. APUBLICITY CAMPAIGN IS NOW UNDERWAY TO SELECT CONTESTANTS FROM THROUGHOUT JAPAN. ABOUT 25,000 PERSONS ARE EXPECTED TO APPLY AND FROM THAT NUMBER 40 FINALISTS WILL BE SELECTED. THE 40 FINALISTS WILL FLY FROM TOKYO TO GUAM, WHERE AN ELIMINATION ROUND WILL BE HELD. LOSERS RETURN TO TOKYO. OTHER ELIMINATION UNCLASSIFIED

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ROUNDS ARE SCHEDULED FOR HAWAII AND IN CITIES ACROSS U.S. MAINLAND, WITH TOP TWO CONTESTANTS ENDING UP FOR FINAL QUIZ IN NEW YORK CITY.

3. TOUR IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER AND PRODUCER REQUESTS USTS SPECIAL ASSITANCE AS FOLLOWS: 1) RECOMMEND AN AUTHENTIC WORKING CATTLE RANCH NEAR DALLAS, TEXAS, WHERE

TV CREW CAN FILM HERDS OF CATTLE, OTHER RANCH SCENES ON SEPT 15 OR 16. 2) ARRANGE FOR MAYOR OF NEW YORK TO PRESENT A KEY TO CITY OR OTHER SPECIAL AWARD ON SEPT 22 TO TOP WINNER AFTER FINAL CONTEST. PLS ADVISE SOONEST IF THESE REQUESTS CAN BE MET.

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